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1 AN ACT Relating to reducing the inflationary adjustment for the
2 state property tax levy to zero over time; and reenacting and amending
3 RCW 84.55.005.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 84.55.005 and 1997 c 393 s 20 and 1997 c 3 s 201
6 (Referendum Bill No. 47) are each reenacted and amended to read as
7 follows:

8 As used in this chapter:

9 (1) "Adjusted inflation" means:

10 (a) Ninety percent of inflation for taxes levied for collection in
11 1999;

12 (b) Eighty percent of inflation for taxes levied for collection in
13 2000;

14 (c) Seventy percent of inflation for taxes levied for collection in
15 2001;

16 (d) Sixty percent of inflation for taxes levied for collection in
17 2002;

18 (e) Fifty percent of inflation for taxes levied for collection in
19 2003;

1 (f) Forty percent of inflation for taxes levied for collection in
2 2004;
3 (g) Thirty percent of inflation for taxes levied for collection in
4 2005;
5 (h) Twenty percent of inflation for taxes levied for collection in
6 2006;
7 (i) Ten percent of inflation for taxes levied for collection in
8 2007; and
9 (j) Zero for taxes levied for collection in 2008 and thereafter;
10 (2) "Inflation" means the percentage change in the implicit price
11 deflator for personal consumption expenditures for the United States as
12 published for the most recent twelve-month period by the bureau of
13 economic analysis of the federal department of commerce in September of
14 the year before the taxes are payable;
15 ~~((2))~~ (3) "Limit factor" means:
16 (a) For the state one hundred percent plus adjusted inflation;
17 (b) For taxing districts with a population of less than ten
18 thousand in the calendar year prior to the assessment year, one hundred
19 six percent;
20 ~~((b))~~ (c) For taxing districts for which a limit factor is
21 authorized under RCW 84.55.0101, the lesser of the limit factor
22 authorized under that section or one hundred six percent;
23 ~~((e))~~ (d) For all other districts, the lesser of one hundred six
24 percent or one hundred percent plus inflation; and
25 ~~((3))~~ (4) "Regular property taxes" has the meaning given it in
26 RCW 84.04.140.

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